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K-State 21st St. Revitalization Project Charrette a Success!

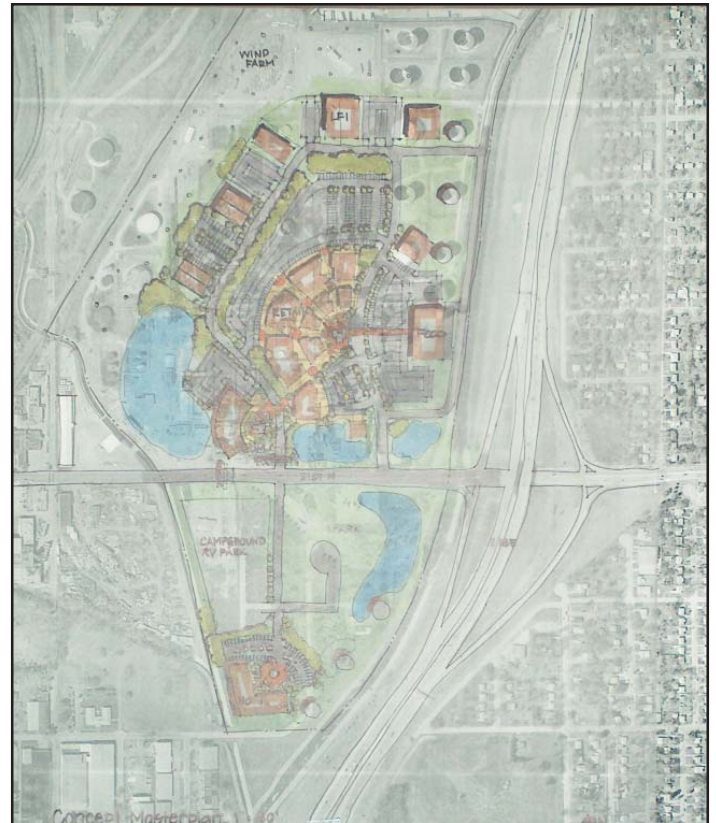
By Tony Rangel, Law/Kingdon, Inc.

As part of the K-State Centennial Celebration, the School of Architecture hosted a Design charrette for 21st St. this Fall at CityArts in Old Town. Fifth-year students, led by Prof. Susanne Siepl-Coates, partnered with local planners and architects to explore concepts in the 21st Street North Corridor Revitalization Plan, to be adopted this Winter (see story on page 3).

Design teams explored the redevelopment of the El Paso-Derby Refinery Brownfield Site; the Woodland Park improvements; the development of an International Market and Neighborhood Gateway at 21st and Broadway; and, the exploration of the 21st Street Interchange and grain elevators as a gateway to the City of Wichita.

Participating firms included Wilson Darnell Mann PA, Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey & Associates PA, Law/Kingdon, Inc., and Brian Lefholz.

A design *charrette* is an intense one-day design effort to explore development concepts in an environment that encourages a free exchange of ideas. The design effort was co-sponsored by Kansas State University, American Institute of Architects (AIA) Wichita, CityArts and the Wichita Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD). For more information, contact Tony Rangel at Law/Kingdon, Inc.



El Paso-Derby Refinery site

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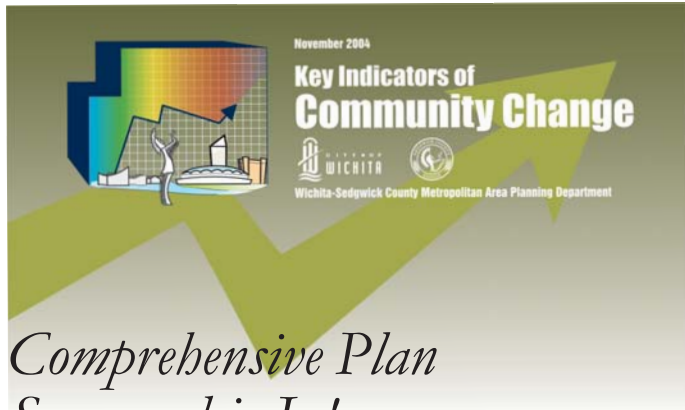
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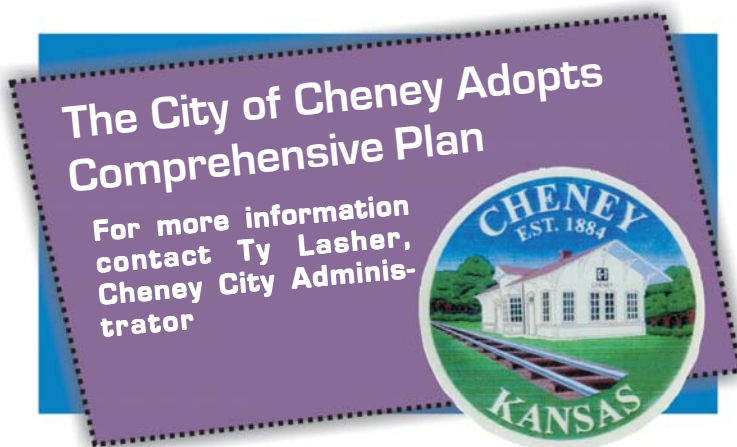
Comprehensive Plan Scorecard is In!

By Stephen Banks, Senior Planner

Key Indicators of Community Change Report 2004 monitors and measures community trends and changes in the context of key goals and objectives contained in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. The report is a tool that can be used to determine whether the trends and changes occurring within the area are generally consistent with the direction contained in the Comprehensive Plan. While it is not the intent of this report to make detailed evaluations and assessments, the Key Indicators of Community Change Report does provide a general report card on the region's accomplishments. The report can be found on the web at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AdvancedPlans/>.

Some statistics for 2003 in Sedgwick County you will find in the report:

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| 733.4 | : Agricultural Acreage |
| 13.20 | : Park Acreage per 1000 People |
| 11.11 million | : Daily Vehicle-Miles of Travel |
| 1,431,610 | : Mid-Continent Airport Passengers |
| 33,662 | : Mid-Continent Airport Cargo Tonnage |
| 443 Thousand | : Annual Solid Waste Tonnage |
| 24.4 Thousand Tons | : Composted Materials Recycling |



Historic Midtown Rezoning Initiative Update

By Scott Wadle and Jess McNeely, Associate Planners

The Historic Midtown Neighborhood Rezoning Committee has been hard at work for the past four months on a neighborhood rezoning initiative. This initiative implements the land use concept in the Midtown Neighborhood Plan, adopted earlier this year. Through this initiative, the Historic Midtown Citizens Association and other area stakeholders hope to better match the neighborhood's zoning with existing land uses.

As a part of the initiative, the Midtown Rezoning Committee has hosted two public meetings, presented the rezoning plan to the District VI Advisory Board, and met with the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission's Advanced Plans Committee. The Committee has received extensive input from the public meetings. This has helped the Committee adjust and improve the proposed rezoning plan.

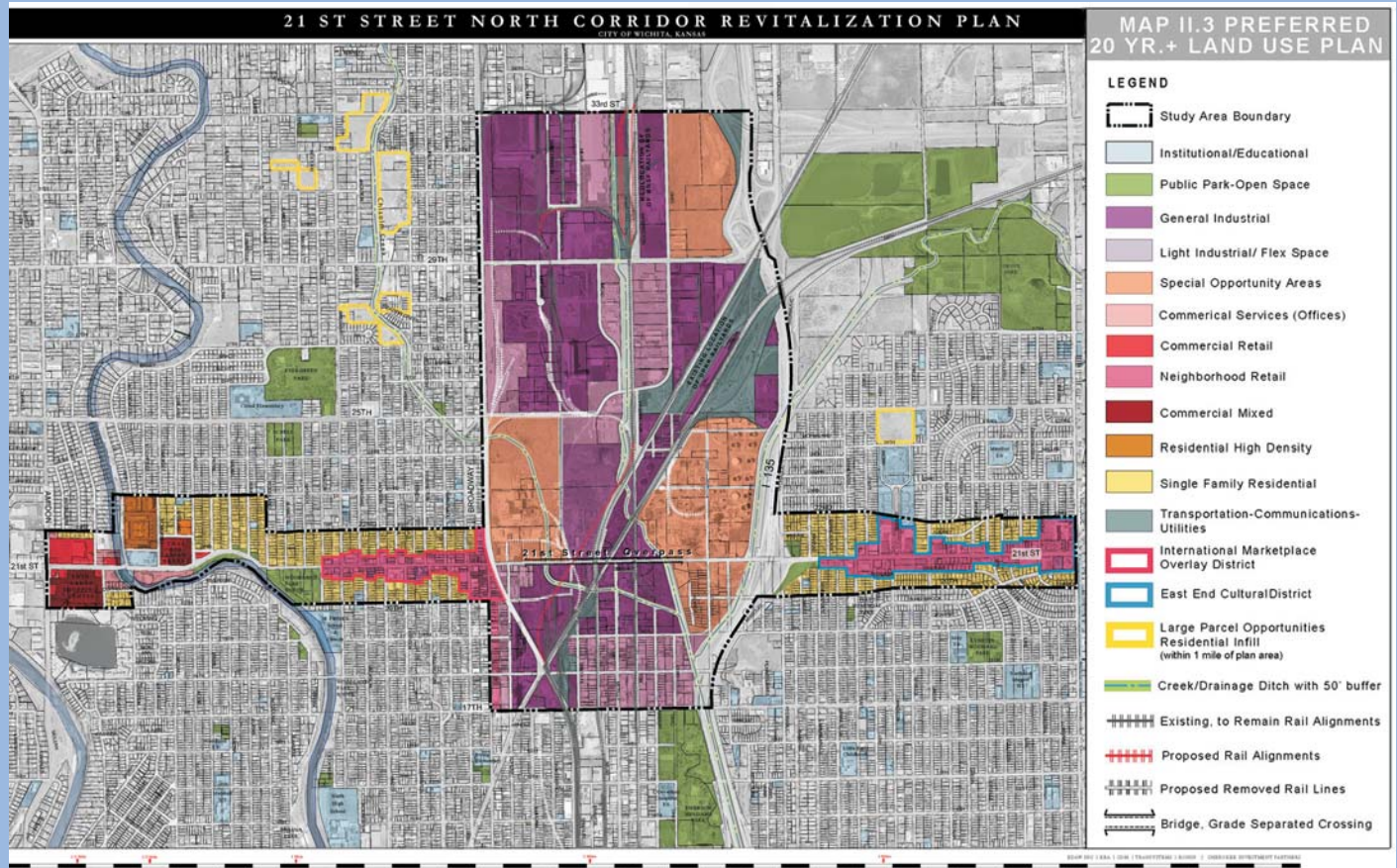
The next presentation of the Midtown Neighborhood Rezoning Initiative will occur at a public hearing of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, where citizens will have another chance to ask questions and contribute to the public process. Following the public hearing, the Midtown Neighborhood Rezoning Initiative is on track to be adopted by the Wichita City Council in early 2005. For more information and to view a copy of the proposed rezoning map please log on to the Planning Department website at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/>.

McAdams Neighborhood-Wide Rezoning Approved

By Dave Barber, Chief Planner

On October 7, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission unanimously approved a neighborhood-wide rezoning proposal for properties located in the McAdams neighborhood. On November 16, Wichita City Council gave second reading to an ordinance amending the city's unified zoning code to incorporate the proposed area-wide rezoning. The proposed neighborhood rezoning was well received by the affected property owners, and represents an important step in realizing the long-term vision for the revitalization of the McAdams neighborhood. A total of five property owners chose to 'opt-out' of this voluntary rezoning initiative. For more information, contact MAPD at 268-4421.





PREFERRED 20 YEAR+ LAND USE PLAN (click here to view larger version: www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AdvancedPlans/21st/)

21st St. Revitalization Plan

The end of the process to develop an ambitious 20-year plan to revitalize the 21st St. North Corridor in Wichita is here. A final draft of the 21st St. North Corridor Revitalization Plan is complete and available from the planning department for public review and comment. The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) approved the plan at the official Public Hearing on December 9th in the Conference Room on the 10th Floor of City Hall, Metropolitan Area Planning Dept.

Subsequent to the Public Hearing, there was a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in early December. A meeting with DAB VI took place on December 6 as well. The first reading of the ordinance by City Council on December 21st, will precede its adoption shortly thereafter by both the City Council and the BOCC.

What Is MAPD?

The mission of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) is to provide professional planning expertise to the community to ensure that the metropolitan area continues to be a quality place to live, work and play.

To carry out its mission, the Metropolitan Area Planning Department has three primary areas of responsibility:

1. The Advanced Plans Division coordinates the development of a Comprehensive Plan, and related neighborhood plans. In addition,

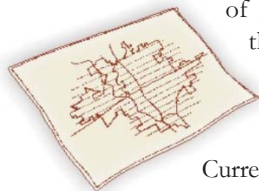


it provides assistance to the region on a wide-range of policy and technical matters. For more information about the Advanced Plans Division, contact Dave Barber, Chief Planner, at 268-4490

2. The Current Plans Division advises the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, the City Council and the County Commission on zoning, subdivision and platting. It helps implement the development review process and oversees historic preservation efforts, providing staff support to the Historic Preservation Board, in addition to the Wichita Board

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of Zoning Appeals, and the Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals. For more information about the Current Plans Division, contact Dale Miller, Chief Planner, at

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3. The Transportation Division provides multi-modal transportation planning support for the area. It is also responsible for all activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), including plan preparation and implementation, and securing federal and state transportation funds. For more information about the Transportation Division, contact Jamsheed Mehta at 268-4457.



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